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Shooting Range Development Program Categorical Exclusion Determination

The Thompson Falls Trap Club, 5661 HWY 200, Thompson Falls, Montana, proposes to replace their voice release systems. This is a one-for-one replacement of voice releases. The Thompson Falls Trap Club has applied for a grant under the Montana Shooting Range Development Program for \$1,533. 00 in partial funding of the \$3,066. 00 for the cost and labor of the replacement voice calls.

The proposed action is considered a minor repair or maintenance of an existing facility or equipment, and therefore is exempt from an Environmental Assessment under MEPA (Montana Environmental Policy Act), IAW the MEPA Model Rules implemented under Title 75, chapter 1, MCA, the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) para. III...

(5) The agency is not required to prepare an EA or an EIS for the following categories of action:...(c) minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities;

The grant proposal review is complete and the funding request for this proposed project is approved, pending Thompson Falls Trap Club's completion of other administrative requirements under the Shooting Range Development Program. Please direct questions or comments concerning this grant, to Wayde Cooperider at FWP, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620, or e-mail wacooperider@mt.gov.